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Colorado Trends

The Colorado economy turned in a good performance in July as unemployment dropped to the lowest level in four years. A surge in employment was accompanied by lower unemployment paring the seasonally adjusted jobless rate one full percentage point to 5.4 percent. Last year in July, 5.9 percent of the State's labor force were without a job. Corresponding to the lower unemployment rate, the number of jobless persons fell 14,800 to an estimated 89,700 in July. The total one year ago was higher at nearly 99,000. July's sizable increase in employment was particularly welcome as the worker total had been on a downward trend much of the year. Coloradans with jobs numbered 1,579,300 in July, almost 57,000 higher than in the prior month. Despite the current gain, total employment was a bit more at 1,589,900 one year ago.

It appears July was a "catch-up" month for Colorado labor statistics. While improvement definitely took place, some of the large movements must be attributed to the variability of the household survey data as well as the estimating methodology which had caused the State's economy to appear overly weak most of this year.

An independent sample survey of nonfarm employers in Colorado has revealed a decidedly more upbeat economy. This series indicates a continuation of slow wage and salary job growth in the range of one to two percent.

Midsummer activities related to construction, tourism and agriculture brought improved labor market conditions to most Colorado areas during July. Fifty-nine of the State's sixty-three counties posted lower jobless rates on a seasonally unadjusted basis.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported national labor force conditions were basically unchanged during July. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate dipped one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.2 percent. Employment decreased 82,000 to 117.5 million while unemployment fell by 64,000 to reach 6.5 million.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Colorado dropped in July, falling 12,600 to 1,439,000. The loss was less than the normal June-July dip, however, The month usually shows a decline as the end of the school year pulls down government employment. In fact, government was the only sector to lose jobs over the month (down 17,800). Total wage and salary jobs in the State numbered 1,424,100 one year earlier.

Education accounted for the loss in government jobs during July. Local education dropped 17,900 while state education declined 1,300. All other units of government climbed 1,400. Government, however, is still the third largest job gainer among all sectors over the past year (up 4,000) behind only services (up 5,800) and trade (up 5,300).

Services added the greatest number of new jobs in July, increasing by 1,800. Solid gains in hotels and other lodging (up 800), amusements (up 800) and health services (up 600) led the way.

Contract construction (up 1,600) followed services as the second biggest job gainer over the month. The increase was more than seasonally expected for July. Two projects in Weld County were recently announced that will support the industry in that area in the coming months. McLane-Western Co. will build a $15 million grocery warehouse which will eventually employ 400 people while Arrowstone Corp. plans to break ground in October on a $12 million factory outlet shopping mall. The facility will employ 250. Both projects are scheduled for completion in 1990.

Mining showed signs of life in July adding 500 new jobs with 400 of these coming within oil and gas extraction. Conoco Inc. announced plans for a $27 million expansion of its natural gas operations in Rio Blanco County that will add 100 jobs. Also providing some renewed strength in the industry is the resurgence in mining vanadium, a metal used in the process of strengthening steel. Umetco Minerals Corp. has reopened 15 underground mines in the past 18 months with most of them between Gateway and Dove Creek in Southwestern Colorado. A couple of them are across the border near La Sal, Utah.

Other sectors gaining jobs last month include manufacturing (up 400), finance, insurance and real estate (up 400), transportation and public utilities (up 300) and trade (up 200).

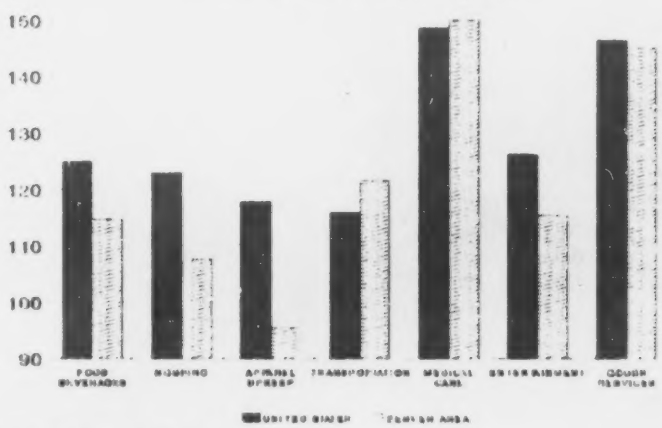
The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the DENVER MSA fell to 4.9 percent, down sharply from June's 6.3 percent. The local rate now stands at its lowest level in 4 years, and is one-half of a percentage point lower than the rate of one year ago.

After adjusting for normal seasonal movements, the number of jobless Area residents plunged 10,300 to its lowest level of the year. At 42,200, the estimated number of unemployed is 4,700 below the year ago estimate.

Total employment surged 28,600 in July to 816,100. This was only the second monthly gain this year and still leaves the local employment level almost 13,000 below last July's 828,900.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment fell 8,200, a less than normal drop for the June-July period. At 805,700, the number of nonfarm jobs is only about 3,000 greater than last July's 802,800, an over-the-year growth rate of less than 0.4 percent. Most of the July loss was attributable to layoffs in the education subsector of government (down 9,400). Smaller losses were noted in trade (down 1,300) and manufacturing (down 100). Services led the advancing industry groups, up 1,100, while construction showed some signs of life, adding 600. Smaller gains were noted in the remaining sectors.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL ITEM (CPI-U)
United States and Denver Area



UNITED STATES JUNE 1989
DENVER AREA JAN-JUNE AVE 1989
1982-84 = 100 Source: BLS

DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) in the Denver Area averaged 115.0 for the first six months of 1989. A Denver CPI-U of 115.0 (1982-84=100) means that a market basket of goods and services which cost $100.00 in the three-year period 1982 to 1984 cost $115.00 in the first half of 1989. This is an increase of 0.3 percent from the average for the second half of 1988 and a rise of 2.0 percent over the year. Nationally, prices advanced 5.2 percent from June 1988 to June 1989.

Declining prices for housing plus apparel and upkeep nearly offset increasing costs in all other expenditure categories keeping inflation subdued in Denver since the second half of 1988.

The cost of transportation showed the largest over-the-year increase of 10.1 percent due to the higher price of gasoline.

Medical care and entertainment expenditures both went up 7.0 percent. The rise in medical care costs actually slowed from a 7.2 percent increase of a year ago, but entertainment jumped from a 0.1 percent increase in 1987-1988.

Adverse weather conditions continue to affect the cost of food and beverages with significant price increases of 11.9 percent in cereal and bakery products and 13.4 percent in the cost of fruits and vegetables pushing the total expenditure up 4.7 percent.

Prices of all segments of the housing component decreased, contributing to the total annual housing cost decline of 2.6 percent. This follows an increase of 1.3 percent the prior year.

The expenditure for apparel and upkeep made the most dramatic change by dropping 10.1 percent after increasing 6.1 percent from 1987 to 1988. This decrease was due to the decline in price of women's and girls' apparel (down 16.8 percent) and of men's and boys' apparel (down 11.7 percent).

DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U) BY COMPONENT*

INDEX COMPONENTS	AVG. 1ST HALF '89	% CH. 2ND HALF '88	% CH. 1ST HALF '88
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100)	115.0	0.3	2.0
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	114.7	3.1	4.7
Food	114.4	3.2	5.1
Food at Home	115.5	5.0	7.9
Cereals and Bakery Products	124.9	7.6	11.9
Meats, Poultry, Fish, and Eggs	115.3	3.9	6.7
Dairy Products	105.9	3.2	3.6
Fruits and Vegetables	121.4	7.1	13.4
Other Foods at Home	112.1	4.2	5.9
Food Away From Home	N.A.	---	---
Alcoholic Beverages	119.2	2.0	1.4
HOUSING	107.6	- 1.7	- 2.6
Shelter	109.4	- 2.9	- 3.4
"Renters' Costs	110.9	- 7.0	- 7.5
Rent, Residential	106.8	- 0.7	- 1.8
Other Renters' Costs	112.1	- 23.4	- 22.8
"Homeowners' Costs	112.8	- 0.7	- 1.4
Fuel and Other Utilities	105.1	3.5	- 0.7
Fuels	98.4	5.5	- 2.7
Fuel Oil, Coal, and Bottled Gas	73.9	- 2.6	- 5.1
Gas (piped) and Electricity	99.0	5.7	- 2.7
Household Furnishings and Operation	103.1	- 2.2	- 1.8
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	95.5	- 11.1	- 10.1
Men's & Boys' Apparel	96.2	- 11.5	- 11.7
Women's & Girls' Apparel	84.1	- 19.3	- 16.8
Footwear	101.5	1.7	N.A.
TRANSPORTATION	121.6	3.2	10.1
Private Transportation	119.4	3.1	10.2
Public Transportation	139.5	3.7	9.4
MEDICAL CARE	150.0	3.4	7.0
Medical Care Services	146.5	2.5	5.9
ENTERTAINMENT	115.4	4.9	7.0
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	145.0	2.2	5.2

* Produced by Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mountain-Plains Regions VII & VIII, Kansas City, Missouri. ** November 1982=100.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	JUL 1989	JUN 1989	APR 1989	JUL 1988	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1669.0	1627.0	1635.2	1688.7	42.0	33.8	-19.7
Unemployment	89.7	104.5	108.2	98.8	-14.8	-18.5	-9.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	6.4	6.6	5.9	---	---	---
Employment	1579.3	1522.5	1527.0	1589.9	56.8	52.3	-10.6
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1444.0	1439.2	1437.3	1428.9	4.8	6.7	15.1
Mining	20.9	20.3	20.2	21.0	0.6	0.7	-0.1
Contract Construction	57.5	56.9	56.8	58.6	0.6	0.7	-1.1
Manufacturing	190.0	190.3	191.0	188.5	-0.3	-1.0	1.5
Durable Goods	119.3	119.1	119.3	118.4	0.2	0.0	0.9
Nondurable Goods	70.7	71.2	71.7	70.1	-0.5	-1.0	0.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	91.0	91.5	90.5	91.1	-0.5	0.5	-0.1
Trade	359.8	356.6	355.0	354.5	3.2	4.8	5.3
Wholesale	77.1	76.9	77.6	76.5	0.2	-0.5	0.6
Retail	282.7	279.7	277.4	278.0	3.0	5.3	4.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	94.4	94.1	93.4	94.7	0.3	1.0	-0.3
Services	360.7	359.3	359.0	355.0	1.4	1.7	5.7
Government	269.7	270.2	271.4	265.5	-0.5	-1.7	4.2
Federal	55.9	56.2	56.0	54.7	-0.3	-0.1	1.2
State	64.3	63.0	65.0	63.5	1.3	-0.7	0.8
Local	149.5	151.0	150.4	147.3	-1.5	-0.9	2.2
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	858.3	840.0	840.5	875.8	18.3	17.8	-17.5
Unemployment	42.2	52.5	50.5	46.9	-10.3	-8.3	-4.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	6.3	6.0	5.4	---	---	---
Employment	816.1	787.5	790.0	828.9	28.6	26.1	-12.8
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	807.1	803.9	801.7	804.0	3.2	5.4	3.1
Mining	12.2	11.9	11.8	13.2	0.3	0.4	-1.0
Contract Construction	29.4	29.1	29.3	31.9	0.3	0.1	-2.5
Manufacturing	95.3	95.4	95.7	94.5	-0.1	-0.4	0.8
Durable Goods	50.8	50.7	50.8	50.2	0.1	0.0	0.6
Nondurable Goods	44.5	44.7	44.9	44.3	-0.2	-0.4	0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	66.3	66.6	65.6	66.8	-0.3	0.7	-0.5
Trade	200.6	200.2	198.6	199.0	0.4	2.0	1.6
Wholesale	54.9	55.0	55.2	54.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.2
Retail	145.7	145.2	143.4	144.3	0.5	2.3	1.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	62.5	62.0	61.9	62.9	0.5	0.6	-0.4
Services	213.9	211.1	211.3	210.7	2.8	2.6	3.2
Government	126.9	127.6	127.5	125.0	-0.7	-0.6	1.9
Federal	33.0	33.1	33.2	32.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.6
State	27.3	27.0	27.2	26.7	0.3	0.1	0.6
Local	66.6	67.5	67.1	65.9	-0.9	-0.5	0.7
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	129320	125550	126460	131840	3770	2860	-2520
Unemployment	5220	6730	6640	5580	-1510	-1420	-360
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	5.4	5.3	4.2	---	---	---
Employment	124100	118820	119820	126260	5280	4280	-2160
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	188950	186170	183960	188870	2780	4990	80
Unemployment	11600	14180	13450	12400	-2580	-1850	-800
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	7.6	7.3	6.6	---	---	---
Employment	177350	171990	170510	176470	5360	6840	880
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	92510	90020	91070	93000	2490	1440	-490
Unemployment	4460	5050	4990	4620	-590	-530	-160
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	5.6	5.5	5.0	---	---	---
Employment	88050	84970	86080	88380	3080	1970	-330
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	68770	64840	66460	68460	3930	2310	310
Unemployment	3470	4310	4390	3930	-840	-920	-460
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	6.6	6.6	5.7	---	---	---
Employment	65300	60530	62070	64530	4770	3230	770
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	49640	48670	48020	50050	970	1620	-410
Unemployment	3430	4300	4240	3760	-870	-810	-330
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	8.8	8.8	7.5	---	---	---
Employment	46210	44370	43780	46290	1840	2430	-80

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	JUL 2/ 1989	JUN 3/ 1989	JUL 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	1687.7	1651.4	1707.0	36300	-19300
(by place of residence)					
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	81.6	110.6	89.9	-29000	-8300
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	6.7	5.3	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1606.1	1540.8	1617.1	65300	-11000
Nonagricultural 5/	1550.6	1493.1	1566.3	57500	-15700
Agricultural	55.5	47.7	50.8	7800	4700
WAGE & SALARY 6/	1439.0	1451.6	1424.1	-12600	14900
(by place of work)					
MINING	20.9	20.4	21.0	500	-100
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	4.2	4.1	3.8	100	400
Oil & Gas Extraction	12.8	12.4	14.3	400	-1500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	61.2	59.6	62.4	1600	-1200
General Building Contractors	15.1	14.3	14.5	800	600
Heavy Construction Contractors	10.2	9.9	10.6	300	-400
Special Trade Contractors	35.9	35.4	37.3	500	-1400
MANUFACTURING	191.9	191.5	190.4	400	1500
Durable Goods	120.4	120.2	119.5	200	900
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.7	6.8	7.0	-100	-300
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	7.7	7.6	7.5	100	200
Primary & Fabricated Metals	14.5	14.5	13.8	0	700
Machinery, except Electrical	32.5	32.4	32.0	100	500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	21.9	21.8	22.2	100	-300
Transportation Equipment	18.0	17.8	18.1	200	-100
Nondurable Goods	71.5	71.3	70.9	200	600
Food & Kindred Products	27.0	26.7	27.0	300	0
Printing & Publishing	22.7	22.6	22.6	100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	91.5	91.2	91.6	300	-100
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	48.4	48.2	48.1	200	300
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	359.8	359.6	354.5	200	5300
Wholesale Trade	77.7	77.7	77.1	0	600
Retail Trade	282.1	281.9	277.4	200	4700
General Merchandise Stores	29.8	30.2	29.5	-400	300
Food Stores	47.5	46.8	44.8	700	2700
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	30.0	30.0	29.2	0	800
Eating & Drinking Places	105.9	106.1	106.1	-200	-200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	95.1	94.7	95.4	400	-300
Banking	18.5	18.5	18.8	0	-300
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	15.7	15.5	16.4	200	-700
SERVICES	366.1	364.3	360.3	1800	5800
Hotels & Other Lodging	32.5	31.7	32.3	800	200
Personal Services	17.5	17.4	17.3	100	200
Business Services	88.1	88.2	85.5	-100	2600
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	17.2	17.2	17.0	0	200
Amusements & Recreation	21.9	21.1	22.2	800	-300
Health Services	91.0	90.4	87.9	600	3100
Hospitals	38.5	38.1	37.3	400	1200
GOVERNMENT	252.5	270.3	248.5	-17800	4000
Federal Government	56.7	56.8	55.5	-100	1200
State Government	56.9	58.1	56.2	-1200	700
Education	32.4	33.7	31.6	-1300	800
Local Government	138.9	155.4	136.8	-16500	2100
Education	64.7	82.6	64.0	-17900	700
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.1	0	-100

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	JUL 2/ 1989	JUN 3/ 1989	JUL 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	866.2	851.0	883.4	15200	-17200
(by place of residence)					
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	40.3	54.1	44.8	-13800	-4500
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	6.4	5.1	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	825.9	796.9	838.6	29000	-12700
Nonagricultural 5/	816.1	788.4	829.6	27700	-13500
Agricultural	9.8	8.5	9.0	1300	800
WAGE & SALARY 6/	805.7	813.9	802.8	-8200	2900
(by place of work)					
MINING	12.1	12.0	13.1	100	-1000
Oil & Gas Extraction	9.6	9.5	11.1	100	-1500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	31.1	30.5	33.7	600	-2600
MANUFACTURING	96.1	96.2	95.3	-100	800
Durable Goods	51.0	51.0	50.4	0	600
Transportation Equipment	15.8	15.8	16.1	0	-300
Nondurable Goods	45.1	45.2	44.9	-100	200
Food & Kindred Products	15.0	15.0	14.9	0	100
Printing & Publishing	13.0	13.0	13.1	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	66.8	66.3	67.3	500	-500
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	199.9	201.2	198.3	-1300	1600
Wholesale Trade	55.2	55.4	55.0	-200	200
Retail Trade	144.7	145.8	143.3	-1100	1400
Eating & Drinking Places	54.7	55.4	55.2	-700	-500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	63.2	62.9	63.6	300	-400
SERVICES	217.1	216.0	213.9	1100	3200
Hotels & Other Lodging	11.1	10.8	10.8	300	300
Health Services	51.2	50.6	49.1	600	2100
GOVERNMENT	119.4	128.8	117.6	-9400	1800
Federal Government	33.0	33.1	32.4	-100	600
State Government	25.6	25.8	25.0	-200	600
Local Government	60.8	69.9	60.2	-9100	600
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	JUL 2/ 1989	JUNE 3/ 1989	JUL 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	129.2	126.2	131.8	3000	-2600
(by place of residence)					
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	5.0	6.8	5.4	-1800	-400
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	5.4	4.1	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	124.2	119.4	126.4	4800	-2200
Nonagricultural 5/	121.9	117.5	124.3	4400	-2400
Agricultural	2.3	1.9	2.1	400	200
WAGE & SALARY 6/	107.5	108.5	107.3	-1000	200
(by place of work)					
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.8	3.7	3.8	100	0
MANUFACTURING	29.4	29.1	29.9	300	-500
Durable Goods	23.7	23.5	24.5	200	-800
Nondurable Goods	5.7	5.6	5.4	100	300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	23.3	23.4	23.2	-100	100
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Retail Trade	20.4	20.5	20.3	-100	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.1	4.1	4.0	0	100
SERVICES	23.7	23.7	23.7	0	0
GOVERNMENT	20.6	21.9	20.1	-1300	500
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State Government	9.3	9.3	8.8	0	500
Local Government	8.7	10.0	8.7	-1300	0
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	July 1989 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	June 1989 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	5713	5314	399	7.0	--	5549	5051	498	9.0
Archuleta	2296	2190	106	4.6	--	2235	2086	149	6.7
Baca	2404	2326	78	3.2	--	2209	2127	82	3.7
Bent	2297	2212	85	3.7	--	2232	2078	154	6.9
Chaffee	6339	6043	296	4.7	--	6189	5783	406	6.6
Cheyenne	1099	1055	44	4.0	--	1035	963	72	7.0
Clear Creek	2567	2424	163	6.3	--	2577	2338	239	9.3
Co. Springs MSA	191748	180901	10847	5.7	--	188693	173879	14814	7.9
Conejos	2553	2171	382	15.0	--	2397	2036	361	15.1
Costilla	1453	1212	241	16.6	--	1494	1163	331	22.2
Crowley	1623	1541	82	5.1	--	1565	1455	110	7.0
Custer	795	757	38	4.8	--	760	715	45	5.9
Delta	8061	7484	577	7.2	--	7939	7079	860	10.8
Den-Bldr CMSA	995474	950150	45324	4.6	--	977329	916367	60962	6.2
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	129256	124220	5036	3.9	--	126265	119418	6847	5.4
-Denver MSA	866218	825930	40288	4.7	--	851064	796949	54115	6.4
---Adams	144918	137344	7574	5.2	--	142725	132525	10200	7.1
---Arapahoe	207138	199016	8122	3.9	--	202550	192033	10517	5.2
---Denver	262339	248316	14023	5.3	--	258713	239603	19110	7.4
---Douglas	21484	20533	951	4.4	--	20988	19812	1176	5.6
---Jefferson	230341	220722	9619	4.2	--	226090	212977	13113	5.8
Dolores	950	912	38	4.0	--	937	882	55	5.9
Eagle	11360	11030	330	2.9	--	11090	10509	581	5.2
Elbert	4213	3998	215	5.1	--	4080	3793	287	7.0
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	93044	89105	3939	4.2	--	90274	85391	4883	5.4
Fremont	11236	10596	640	5.7	--	11260	10261	999	8.9
Garfield	14585	14031	554	3.8	--	14238	13381	857	6.0
Gilpin	2260	2160	80	3.5	--	2181	2091	90	4.1
Grand	4727	4606	121	2.6	--	4606	4332	274	5.9
Greeley MSA	69779	66544	3235	4.6	--	66669	62346	4323	6.5
Gunnison	5176	4952	226	4.4	--	5002	4715	287	5.7
Hinsdale	364	356	8	2.2	--	352	340	12	3.4
Huerfano	2407	2175	232	9.6	--	2369	2058	311	13.1
Jackson	961	923	38	4.0	--	931	889	42	4.5
Kiowa	1069	1027	42	3.9	--	960	938	22	2.3
Kit Carson	4327	4236	91	2.1	--	3996	3884	112	2.8
Lake	1440	1305	135	9.4	--	1516	1264	252	16.6
La Plata	15058	14471	587	3.9	--	14654	13844	810	5.5
Las Animas	4785	4394	391	8.2	--	4756	4215	541	11.4
Lincoln	2449	2407	42	1.7	--	2211	2144	67	3.0
Logan	9774	9499	275	2.8	--	9287	8888	399	4.3
Mesa	41296	39094	2202	5.3	--	40433	37197	3236	8.0
Mineral	184	161	23	12.5	--	181	156	25	13.8
Moffat	5164	4843	321	6.2	--	5069	4608	461	9.1
Montezuma	8812	8260	552	6.3	--	8739	7937	802	9.2
Montrose	12357	11584	773	6.3	--	12057	10846	1211	10.0
Morgan	10170	9654	516	5.1	--	9724	9029	695	7.1
Otero	8515	7995	520	6.1	--	8229	7499	730	8.9
Ouray	2013	1939	74	3.7	--	1958	1836	122	6.2
Park	3006	2828	178	5.9	--	2989	2742	247	8.3
Phillips	2305	2269	36	1.6	--	2133	2081	52	2.4
Pitkin	8294	8068	226	2.7	--	8098	7490	608	7.5
Prowers	6896	6530	366	5.3	--	6689	6186	503	7.5
Pueblo MSA	49974	46716	3258	6.5	--	49294	44899	4395	8.9
Rio Blanco	3045	2884	161	5.3	--	2799	2642	157	5.6
Rio Grande	5204	4431	773	14.9	--	4855	4172	683	14.1
Routt	7859	7529	330	4.2	--	7652	7139	513	6.7
Saguache	1971	1527	444	22.5	--	1791	1405	386	21.6
San Juan	553	526	27	4.9	--	526	504	22	4.2
San Miguel	2209	2120	89	4.0	--	2206	2029	177	8.0
Sedgwick	1500	1460	40	2.7	--	1414	1357	57	4.0
Summit	8016	7724	292	3.6	--	7743	7277	466	6.0
Teller	5956	5681	275	4.6	--	5937	5481	456	7.7
Washington	2794	2705	89	3.2	--	2630	2456	174	6.6
Yuma	5173	5025	148	2.9	--	4738	4584	154	3.3
COLORADO	1697678	1606084	81594	4.8	--	1651459	1540838	110621	6.7

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
July 1988 Revised

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	5778	5356	422	7.3
Archuleta	2207	2062	145	6.6
Baca	2342	2290	52	2.2
Bent	2315	2197	118	5.1
Chaffee	6582	6184	398	6.0
Cheyenne	1131	1026	105	9.3
Clear Creek	2611	2386	225	8.6
Co. Springs MSA	191626	180029	11597	6.1
Conejos	2446	2142	304	12.4
Costilla	1324	1162	162	12.2
Crowley	1649	1559	90	5.5
Custer	824	758	66	8.0
Delta	8163	7485	678	8.3
Den-Bldr CMSA	1015301	965069	50232	4.9
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	131829	126440	5389	4.1
-Denver MSA	883472	838629	44843	5.1
---Adams	148239	139456	8783	5.9
---Arapahoe	210875	202076	8799	4.2
---Denver	268250	252134	16116	6.0
---Douglas	21637	20848	789	3.6
---Jefferson	234471	224115	10356	4.4
Dolores	965	910	55	5.7
Eagle	11363	10996	367	3.2
Elbert	4278	4026	252	5.9
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	93521	89438	4083	4.4
Fremont	11342	10602	740	6.5
Garfield	14762	14084	678	4.6
Gilpin	2466	2400	66	2.7
Grand	4584	4431	153	3.3
Greeley MSA	69399	65738	3661	5.3
Gunnison	5013	4818	195	3.9
Hinsdale	360	360	0	0.0
Huerfano	2409	2177	232	9.6
Jackson	989	950	39	3.9
Kiowa	1018	1003	15	1.5
Kit Carson	4260	4164	96	2.3
Lake	1376	1225	151	11.0
La Plata	15212	14438	774	5.1
Las Animas	4751	4423	328	6.9
Lincoln	2314	2255	59	2.5
Logan	9695	9387	308	3.2
Mesa	40334	37807	2527	6.3
Mineral	179	164	15	8.4
Moffat	5168	4801	367	7.1
Montezuma	8811	8152	659	7.5
Montrose	12262	11424	838	6.8
Morgan	10118	9505	613	6.1
Otero	8798	8201	597	6.8
Ouray	2007	1946	61	3.0
Park	2783	2639	144	5.2
Phillips	2288	2233	55	2.4
Pitkin	8203	7884	319	3.9
Prowers	7083	6540	543	7.7
Pueblo MSA	50388	46817	3571	7.1
Rio Blanco	2884	2742	142	4.9
Rio Grande	5146	4459	687	13.4
Routt	7720	7353	367	4.8
Saguache	1947	1512	435	22.3
San Juan	550	524	26	4.7
San Miguel	2516	2393	123	4.9
Sedgwick	1465	1439	26	1.8
Summit	7961	7659	302	3.8
Teller	6123	5744	379	6.2
Washington	2755	2643	112	4.1
Yuma	5099	4942	157	3.1
COLORADO	1706962	1617054	89908	5.3

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUL 2/ 1989	JUN 3/ 1989	JUL 1988	JUL 2/ 1989	JUN 3/ 1989	JUL 1988	JUL 2/ 1989	JUN 3/ 1989	JUL 1988
CONSTRUCTION	$480.66	$485.36	$474.71	39.6	39.3	39.2	$12.34	$12.35	$12.11
MANUFACTURING	$429.60	$422.65	$412.88	40.3	40.1	39.7	$10.66	$10.54	$10.40
Durable Goods	$425.08	$420.65	$419.99	40.6	40.8	40.5	$10.47	$10.31	$10.37
Nondurable Goods	$435.41	$423.62	$401.94	39.8	38.9	38.5	$10.94	$10.89	$10.44

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUL 2/ 1989	JUN 3/ 1989	JUL 1988	JUL 2/ 1989	JUN 3/ 1989	JUL 1988	JUL 2/ 1989	JUN 3/ 1989	JUL 1988
CONSTRUCTION	$503.33	$503.10	$516.60	39.2	39.0	39.8	$12.84	$12.90	$12.98
MANUFACTURING	$440.59	$444.04	$451.28	39.8	40.7	41.1	$11.07	$10.91	$10.98
Durable Goods	$436.21	$447.84	$481.56	39.8	41.2	41.3	$10.96	$10.87	$11.66
Nondurable Goods	$445.36	$440.19	$421.68	39.8	40.2	40.9	$11.19	$10.95	$10.31

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	JUL 1989	JUN 1989	JUL 1988	JUL 1989	JUN 1989	JUL 1988
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	9,158	9,860	9,576	4,905	4,968	5,404
Continued Claims	81,346	93,191	90,894	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	64,206	74,604	73,922	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$10,139,280	$11,784,253	$11,497,333	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$193,760,841	$191,656,136	$119,894,101	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	16,189	20,108	16,294	8,149	10,010	8,172
Nonagricultural Placements	7,302	9,632	7,417	2,443	3,287	2,301
Agricultural Placements	569	645	915	327	284	406

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

June 1989 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	125,569	1651.4	1729.0	493.1	409.1	700.1	778.8	229.7
Unemployment	6,850	110.6	98.6	24.0	24.4	51.9	31.3	12.6
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.5	6.7	5.7	4.9	6.0	7.4	4.0	5.5
Employment	118,719	1540.8	1630.4	469.1	384.7	648.2	747.5	217.1

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes. Seasonally adjusted data is provided for time-series analysis and is not an official data series of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.

6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1988 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.

7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) – Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS – Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS – Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE – Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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